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SALLY FORTH



THE AMAZING SPIDER-MAN



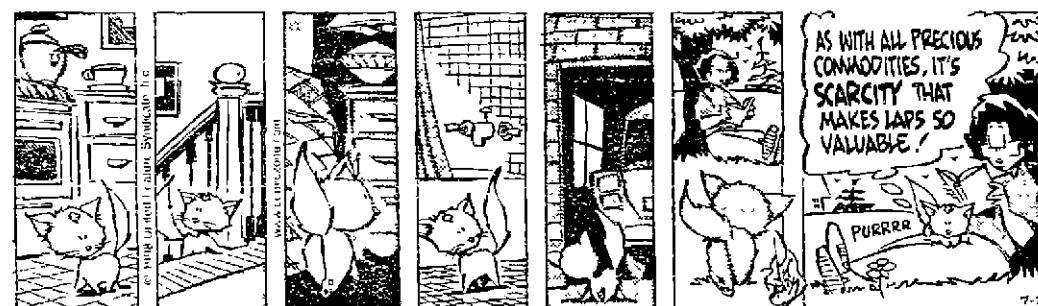
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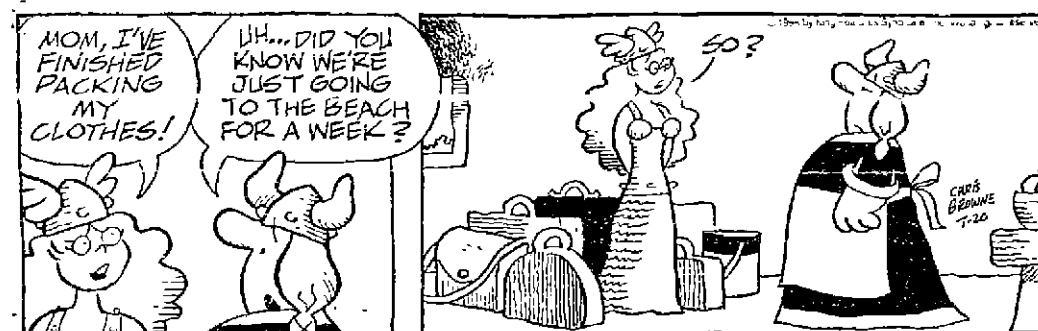
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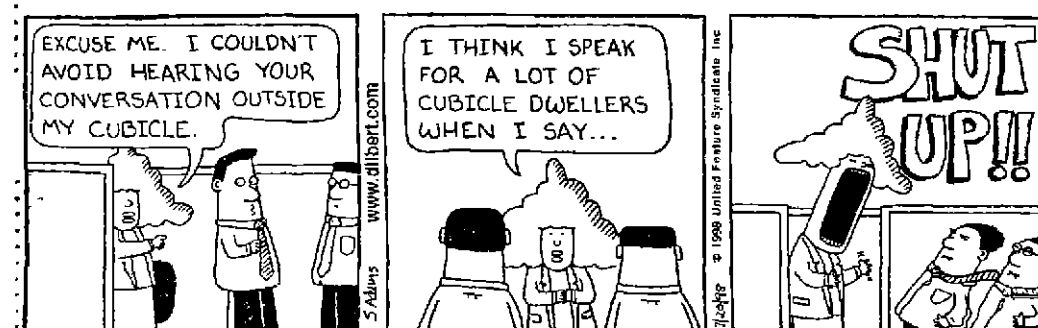
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MOTHER GOOSE AND GRIMM



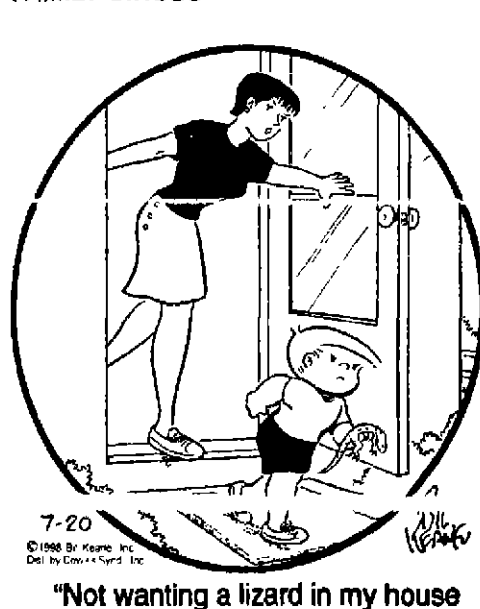
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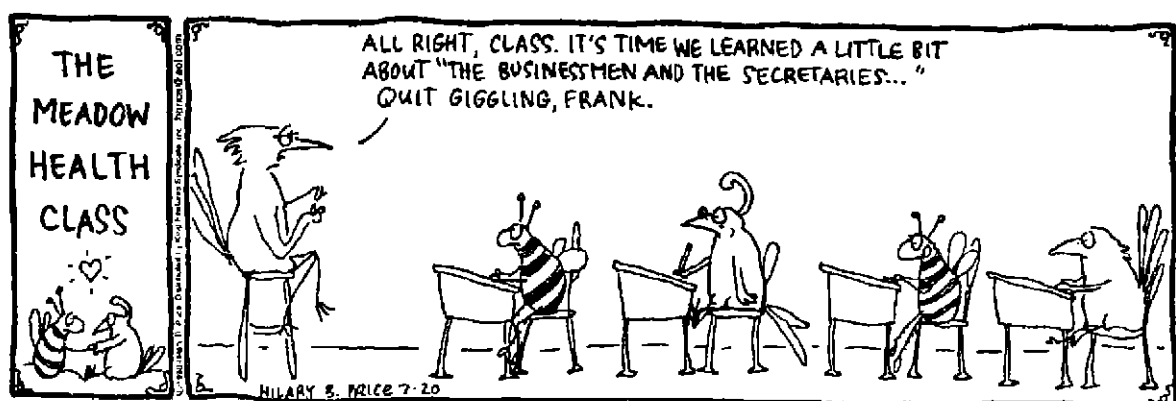
DENNIS THE MENACE



FAMILY CIRCUS



RHYMES WITH ORANGE



RALPH



Today's Birthdays

Video artist Nam June Paik is 66. Rockabilly singer Clooney is 66. Actress Diana Rigg is 60. Rock musician John Lodge (The Moody Blues) is 55. Country singer T.G. Shepherd is 54. Singer Kim Carnes is 52. Rock musician Carlos Santana is 51. Actress Donna Dixon is 41. Country singer Rodney Foster is 39. Rock singer Chris Cornell is 34. Rock musician Stone Gossard (Pearl Jam) is 32.

I NEED HELP



A scene from "The Horse Whisperer."

SCRABBLE

PAR SCORE 60-70
by JUDD

FOUR RACK TOTAL
TIME LIMIT: 20 MIN

DIRECTIONS: Make a 2 to 7 letter word from the letters in each row. Add points of each word, using scoring directions at right. 7 letter words get 50-point bonus. "Blanks" used as any letter have no point value. All Judd's words are in The Official Scrabble Players Dictionary (Merriam Webster) and OSW Official Scrabble Words (Chambers). JUDD'S SOLUTION TOMORROW

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H	O	L	L	P	S	Y
V	L	E	B	A	A	S
A	A	E	D	B	R	A
S	E	U	A	L	L	C

Word Score

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WORD SLEUTH

Set -

P G C Z V S P L I E B Y V R O
L I F C Z W T O N K I F C Z W
U R P M J E H E C D Z X U S Q
N L J G E C D A G A I N S T Z
X V T R P N F I R E T O E L J
H E C L A L Y E S H W I H V T
R P N I O L C K I A G T S E C
B Z X A P O H S P U R O I W U
S R T S R K C A B O P M D O M
N W O D E E R F F O L N F J I
G E D B A T Y X W U T I O S O

Saturday's unlisted clue: TUTU

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

Monday's unlisted clue hint: GO TO SEA

A record Apart Fire to
Alight Aside Forth
Against Back Free
Ahead Down In motion

Of dishes
Off
Up shop

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For solution, see Classified.

HOROSCOPE

For Tuesday, July 21, 1998

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) You might get caught up in the heat of the moment and speak unwisely. Avoid touchy subjects as much as possible.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Put a moneymaking plan into action, and the risk is likely to pay off. You will have a clash of opinions.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Lucky Gemini, admirers are lining up at your doorstep, and your creativity is high.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Take the time to sort out a troubling issue. Suddenly an abstract idea will make more sense as you factor in your own emotions.

LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22) Domestic disputes arise. Distract yourself by getting your business and financial affairs in order.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22) Roll up your sleeves and do some serious hard work. Thankfully, your efforts will pay off.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) It's an excellent time for brainstorming, so get out that notepad and pen. Even adverse Aries will be impressed.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Key in to your powers of intuition. Try not to get caught up in the emotional drama of another.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Your mission will be to get a smile out of every stranger on the street. Your wacky sense of humor will greatly cheer up a depressed friend.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19) Give yourself a pat on the back for recent hard work well done.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18) You can have your cake and eat it too, as a change in situation offers you the best of both worlds.

PISCES (Feb. 19 to March 20) Don't disregard someone's experience because you disagree with his or her conclusion.

ACES ON BRIDGE

By Bobby Wolff

The key to success in today's heart game lies in how South counterattacks when East leads his partner's suit. If South clings to habit, the game will fail. Only an alert deviation from routine play will save his game. South wins his diamond ace and finesses his trump queen, losing to East's king. East leads the spade nine, and it's decision time for South. How should South play? A routine "second-hand low" will not get the job done. West correctly assumes East's nine is not a singleton and allows dummy's king to win, which South returns to his hand in trumps to take the club finesse. East wins and returns another spade. This traps South's queen, and the game goes one down. How does South make his game? He cannot do anything about the two losing finesses, but he can avoid losing two spade tricks. After East wins his trump king and shifts to spades, South should put up his queen. If West takes his ace and returns a spade, dummy's king wins, and South is safe. After South draws the last trump and loses the club finesse, East has no spade to lead, and South escapes with only three losers. What if East's spade nine were a singleton and West had a six-card suit? South's play wouldn't matter to West. If East had two spades, leaving South with Q-x, West would see that his side could win only one spade trick. Therefore, his only chance would be to win his ace and try for two spade winners by hoping for a singleton with East.

NORTH 07-20-A

▲ K 8 3
▲ A 10 7 3
♦ 6
▲ A Q J 9 6

WEST EAST

▲ A J 10 7 2 ▲ 9 4
♥ 4 ♥ K 2
♦ K Q J 9 ♦ 10 8 7 5 4 2
♣ 5 4 3 ♣ K 7 2

SOUTH

▲ Q 6 5
♦ 10 8 7 5 4 2
♥ 4 3
♣ 10 8

Vulnerable, East-West

Dealer: South

The bidding:

South West North East
2♥ 2♠ 2♣ 4♥ All pass
*weak two-bid

Opening lead: Diamond king

N.Y. TIMES CROSSWORD

No. 0608

ACROSS

- 1 Feudal workers
- 6 Italian money
- 10 Con artist's art
- 14 Characteristic
- 15 Scent
- 16 Barbershop emblem
- 17 Indy 500 competitor
- 18 Suckling spot
- 19 Landed (on)
- 20 First step for a would-be groom vis-à-vis his intended's father
- 23 Director Craven
- 24 Mauna
- 25 Arrow's path
- 26 New Deal org.
- 29 Kind of talk the would-be bride had with mom

DOWN

- 32 Commedia dell'
- 35 A.F.L.'s partner
- 36 into holy matrimony
- 37 Sets of pews
- 38 Namely
- 41 "pin and pick it up..."
- 42 Bullwinkle, e.g.
- 44 Opposite of WSW
- 45 Coffee servers
- 46 How the would-be groom proposed
- 50 Actor Fernando
- 51 Wedding
- 52 Letters on a Cardinal's cap
- 53 Shoot the breeze

- 56 What the bride's father did vis-à-vis the reception
- 60 "Neato!"
- 62 Director Kazan
- 63 Kind of lily
- 64 Dull sound
- 65 Notes after do
- 66 Ebb and neap, e.g.
- 67 Peeved
- 68 British gun
- 69 What italics do

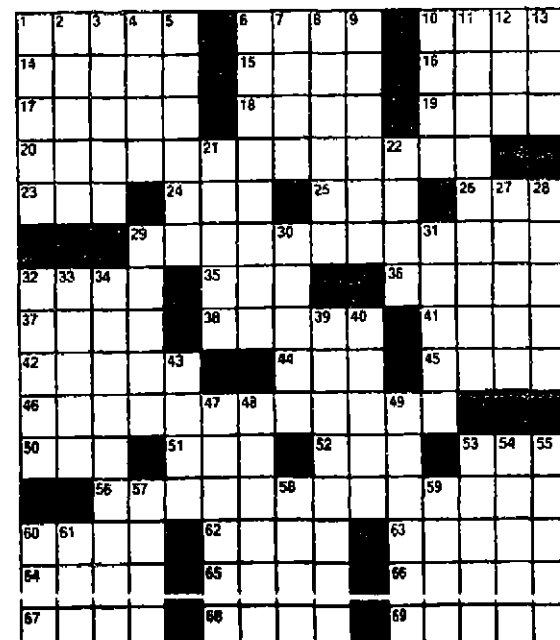
DOWN

- 1 Scarecrow stuffing
- 2 Wipe out
- 3 Pool ball sorters
- 4 Where 1-Across slaved
- 5 Golf shot
- 6 Ladies' man
- 7 fix
- 8 Greet with loud laughter
- 9 Prefix with -pod or -scope
- 10 Bridge unit
- 11 It's thrown on bad ideas
- 12 He K.O.'d Foreman
- 13 Bumped into
- 21 Take counter-measures
- 22 Be in pain
- 27 Groom carefully
- 28 Gillette razors

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

MISFILES SUCCOR
ANTITANK ETHANE
NOONTIDE REAPED
IRRILKE WISE
ADAMS STUNG TOY
SEQUEST ONEA ACE
RESTING ZONKS
ISIT FEEL

ONA OSHA GLACIS
TSK THEYS ENOCH
SHEA ADOPT RKO
PAINTED FLYPAPER
OPIATE FIRELINE
TENDEED STOPLOSS



Puzzle by Mark Danna

- 29 "Siddhartha" writer
- 30 Hauled
- 31 Follow as a result
- 32 Knight's garb
- 33 TV news exec Arledge

- 48 Shoelace hole
- 49 Votes into office
- 53 Funny lady Radner
- 54 Funny man Woody
- 55 Great time, or great noise

- 57 Kind of shoppe
- 58 Onetime phone call cost
- 59 Get-out-of-jail money
- 60 Pennies: Abbr.
- 61 "Well, what's this?!"

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